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APPLICATION NO.: CONT. OF REI 09/972,847  
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TITLE: SYSTEM FOR DATA TRANSFER THROUGH AN I/O DEVICE USING A  
MEMORY ACCESS CONTROLLER WHICH RECEIVES AND STORES  
INDICATION OF A DATA STATUS SIGNAL  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
STATUS OF CLAIMS AND SUPPORT FOR CLAIM CHANGES  
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.173(c)**

Sir:

Prior to examination of the subject continuation reissue patent application, please amend the specification as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Amend the paragraph entitled "RELATED APPLICATIONS" as follows:

This application is a continuation application of U.S. Reissue Application No. 09/972,847, filed October 4, 2001, which is a reissue application of U.S. Patent No. 5,961,614, issued October 5, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 08/436,969, filed May 8, 1995, and entitled "Communication Interface with Improved Packet Transfer," now abandoned.[""]